

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order. Ron Faust, Elaine Leach, Jerry Swenson, Melinda Re and Council Liaison Doug Miller were present. Rosemary Goff was absent.

Approval of the Minutes from July 19 2012 - MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2012 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MELINDA RE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Vegetation Removal Standards – On shoreline follow-up for one of the restored shorelines on the Gull Lake side of Sherwood Forest it looks like it has been mostly cut down. There is a ‘Vegetation Removal Standard’ in Lake Shore. Ron read the standard to the committee. There is a limit as to how much can be removed within the shore impact zone. Melinda said that the association board should be aware of the city standards.

Ron said he was by Bar Harbor and their shoreline restoration is doing spectacularly well; it is beautiful in just 2 months. He also noticed that there is ‘buckthorn’ growing at the back edge of Zorbaz parking lot. He will ask Jen at Zorbaz about removing the plant and treating the stump with *Roundup*.

Recycling Project – Melinda doesn’t think there is a lack of Lake Shore residents using the recycling offered at city hall. Ron talked to Paul Fairbanks, Cass County Environmental Services and he said there isn’t any curbside services planned within the county and it would be a board decision. It requires population density and Paul thought Lake Shore may have the density required. Paul suggested calling Nisswa Sanitation. Melinda said she called the 10 garbage companies that are listed in the local phone directory and they all said they don’t have curbside recycling; if they would even consider it they would need city wide commitment. Ron said that he spoke with Nisswa Sanitation and she explained that the garbage from Cass County is brought to one of two landfills that are not even in the county. He also spoke with Kevin at Waste Management and was told that if the city stipulates that all providers offer curbside recycling that would make it happen.

Update on Sherwood Forest stormwater projects – Ron reported that after 14 months of preparation the project is moving forward and planting will take place Tuesday, September 25th. It has been whittled down to two rain gardens. The planting will start next week as Anderson Brothers wasn’t quite finished with the paving project because of equipment repairs.

Other – Ron announced that the Trail 77 Team along with SEH Engineering has completed the Legacy Grant application; the city council will have a resolution before them at the September meeting to move forward with the Legacy Grant submission.

MOTION BY ELAINE LEACH TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING. RON FAUST SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk